

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Campaign Fails

MR Andrei Vyshinsky has left the United States on a six weeks' vacation in his home country and during that period he will have opportunity for reflecting on his campaign during the past few months designed to split the Western Powers in the United Nations. For it has been made all too clear by the tactics of the chief Soviet representative in the various public UN debates that his main target has been to try to drive a wedge between the United States and her principal allies. This campaign itself has occasioned no surprise. What is more significant about Russia's unity-splitting technique in the world organisation is its direction, its tone and its failure. The focal point of Mr Vyshinsky's efforts has been the question of Communist China's recognition by the United Nations and her admission into the organisation. Countless times he has injected this issue into United Nations deliberations on other questions, and while there may be more than a modicum of truth in the suggestion that Russia has no real desire to see Communist China in the UN, preferring to keep that regime isolated within the Communist world, the Chinese representation issue provides an excellent weapon for attempted free-world-splitting. Mr Vyshinsky knows that Britain and France are not so adamant in their opposition to Communist China's membership of UN as is the United States; that only an interim agreement exists between the Big Three to oppose Peking; and that the attitude of the American Congress on the subject differs considerably to that of the House of Commons.

TO Mr Vyshinsky these factors may appear to be heaven-sent opportunities for creating a wide breach between the Western allies, yet despite his verbal thrusts and parries in UN debates to achieve this objective, it remains on the record that every time he has raised the subject, the Western Powers have stood together. It is curious that such an able man as Mr Vyshinsky should overlook one fundamental obstacle to his ambitions, namely, that while there may often be disagreement between the Western powers on methods to be adopted in dealing with international problems, they are irrevocably united on prime principles. Thus the so-called split between the United States and Britain on the subject of Communist China's admission to the United Nations is merely one of degree. Britain believes, as firmly as any other free-world nation, that Red China should not be allowed UN representation until she has justified admission through her behaviour; has proven that she is willing and able to assume international obligations and by her policies and actions contribute to the peace and security of the world. These minimum requirements are, in fact, an effective bar to UN membership by Communist China at this time as the United States' forthright refusal to consider the proposition under any circumstances. Moreover, the Western Powers are fully alive to the designs of the Communist bloc in the United Nations, and because of their determination to preserve their unity, they have permitted Russia to gain little more than momentary propaganda victories with her divisive tactics, and have succeeded in blunting the campaign in the long run. And it is going to be difficult for Mr Vyshinsky to persuade his superiors in the Kremlin to believe otherwise.

INDO-CHINA DISCUSSIONS

DIEN BIEN PHU

Fortress Raked By Mortar Fire

Paris, May 7. An exceptionally heavy barrage of mortar shells rained on French Union positions at Dien Bien Phu last night, and sources in Hanoi thought this might be the prelude to new massive attacks on the beleaguered garrison, according to reports reaching here.

French planes dropped reinforcements and supplies to the defenders of Dien Bien Phu today.

A report reaching here said the paratroopers included not only the usual volunteers but trained airborne forces which until now had been held in reserve by the French High Command.

With a slight lift in the weather, French fighters and bombers continued to hammer the Vietminh artillery and anti-aircraft batteries.

According to reports from Hanoi, there were other signs around the French fortress which indicated that the Communists intended to renew their onslaught last night.

A High Command spokesman said "auspicious" enemy troop movements had been observed on the eastern perimeter of General Christian de Castries' defence positions.

The pattern of enemy action was just the same as that which had preceded earlier mass attacks, particularly the last one on May 1.—Reuter.

MUST AWAIT TALKS

Geneva May 7. Communist China has told France that she cannot help to arrange a "mercy truce" for the 1,000 wounded at Dien Bien Phu before the impending Indo-China peace talks begin here.

The Chinese statement answered a French appeal made by Colonel Guillaumaz, French Military Attaché in Bangkok, now with his country's delegation here.

Mr Wang Ping-nan, Secretary-General to the Chinese delegation, told Colonel Guillaumaz that the Chinese considered the question of Dien Bien Phu wounded should be raised with the representatives of the Vietminh regime during the peace talks.—Reuter.

Villagers In Angry Mood

Bombay, May 6. According to a Press Trust of India report, French Indian police today fired on a "liberation volunteer force" consisting of 2,500 strong at Pulluchupet, 18 miles northeast of Pondicherry. Angry villagers were reported to have disarmed 23 police after the shooting and handed them over to the "volunteers"—demonstrators pressing for French India's incorporation in India.

The police fired six shots—most of them in the air—the report said. One "volunteer" was injured. The report said after the police were disarmed, villagers and volunteers hoisted the Indian flag on local buildings. They then "liberated" two more villages, the report said.—Reuter.

Dog Which Can Add Up And Subtract

Johannesburg, May 6. A two-year-old dachshund bitch, Kina, who can count, add and subtract is the current sensation of the South African dog world.

Kina gives her answers to simple sums set in the Afrikaans language by her owner, Mr Arent van Weene, a Hollander. If Mr van Weene throws on the floor a number of penguins and asks Kina in Afrikaans "how many" the correct answer is given in barks. If he adds a threepenny piece and asks for the solution in penguins Kina again knows all the answers.

POSTPONED Russia Agrees To Request By France

TODAY'S TALKS WILL BE ON KOREA

Geneva, May 6. Russia has accepted a French request for postponement of the Indo-China peace talks which had been due to open here tomorrow and agreed that tomorrow's proceedings should be confined to Korea, it was learned in diplomatic quarters here tonight.

Soviet sources confirmed that tomorrow's meeting should be on Korea.

The French delegation to the Far East conference here indicated that France sought the postponement because the heads of the Cambodian and Laotian teams had not yet arrived.

The "Big Three" Western delegations were hoping the postponed Indo-China talks could start on Saturday.

But sources close to the three French-backed Indo-China Associated States said tonight the opening might be postponed until early next week.

The French position became known after the French delegation had suddenly called off without explanation a press conference at which journalists had expected to hear an official French announcement about the talks.

About 300 reporters waited for more than an hour before they were told the conference was cancelled.

Authoritative sources had said earlier today that the talks would start tomorrow in the Palace of Nations where the 19-nation Korean conference is being held.

Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Mr Molotov discussed arrangements for the Indo-China conference at dinner together at Mr Eden's residence, it was understood.

The work of the Geneva conference tomorrow will now probably be on Korea. The 19 nations dealing with this problem are expected to revert to their original plan to continue their fortnight-old debate.

It had been planned to postpone this meeting to make way for the Indo-China talks. The only delegate who has asked to speak at tomorrow's resumed debate is the leader of the Colombian delegation, Senator Eduardo Zuleta Angel. He may be followed by the Philippine Foreign Minister, Mr Carlos Garcia, and the New Zealand External Affairs Minister, Mr T. Clifton Webb. Mr Molotov will be in the chair.

MODIFIED PROPOSALS

Conference sources said tonight that the non-Communist side was unlikely to table the modified proposals for reunifying Korea which it plans to introduce following South Korea's conditional acceptance of elections in all Korea.

South Korea's concession was understood to have been made after a series of meetings between the South Korean and American delegations here.

But the committee of nine, set up by the United Nations, has not yet met to draft the new proposals.

Tonight Mr Bidault was dining with representatives of the

Associated States who have arrived here for the Indo-China talks and was expected to discuss with them the results of the consultations held by the Big Three Western Powers in the last two days on the policy they will pursue when the peace negotiations open.

When the Indo-China talks begin, it will be the first time in modern history that opposing sides in a major war have met to discuss a peace settlement while their armies are locked in combat.

But the Communists are almost certain to propose an immediate ceasefire when the talks start, according to sources close to their delegations here.

The talks will be attended in the first instance by Britain, France, Russia, the United States, China, the three French-backed Associated Indo-China States of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, and the Vietminh regime.

BROAD AGREEMENT

Mr Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Mr Molotov reached broad agreement on the talks at dinner in Mr Eden's villa here last night, it was understood today.

French and Soviet delegates met again today to settle final details for the meeting, the official aim of which is to consider "the problem of restoring peace in Indo-China."

In earlier talks they had agreed that the nine nations could by unanimous agreement invite others to take part, but both sides are understood to want to keep the numbers down.

Both sides have declared their anxiety to end the war. The Communists apparently want the political settlement to be left until after a ceasefire. The Western Powers, fearing that this would leave the Vietminh in a strong position to expand their influence by subversive methods, are determined that a political settlement must accompany the end of the fighting.

The nature of the war—with no "front line" and with rebels entrenched not only in the north but in the large pockets behind the French Union forces—immensely complicates the negotiations.

Political and military weaknesses hamper the West's bargaining position. French anxiety to end the economic and military strain is such that M. Bidault is under heavy pressure to come to terms—if necessary even by accepting a ceasefire.

BLEAK PROSPECT

The French Union military situation has become so serious under increasing Vietminh attacks that it is widely believed that if France has to continue the war alone she will lose most of Indo-China when the next big campaigning season begins this autumn after the monsoon rains.

Room Five of the first floor of the Palace of Nations, where the delegates are to meet, was empty.—(Continued on back page, Col. 5)

THE WEATHER: Moderate SE winds, fair periods during the afternoon with a chance of light showers inland. Continuing warm and humid.



Clean-up "Cracks The Nut"

Kenya Operation A Success

Nairobi, May 6. Troops and police in Kenya have "cracked the nut" in their big clean-up of Mau Mau terrorists and adherents in Nairobi but the operation will continue until completed, it was announced today.

An official spokesman told a press conference that since the clean-up—"Operation Anvil"—started nearly two weeks ago more than 30,000 Kikuyu and other suspected Africans had been screened. About 24,000 more had been detained for further investigation.

Among the detained men are believed to be several wanted criminals including gunmen, oath administrators and other active officials of the Mau Mau movement.

About 3,400 Kikuyu women and 6,000 children have also been sent back to upcountry reserves from Nairobi's African locations long felt to be hotbeds of the Mau Mau organisation. Half the Kikuyu in the Nairobi location were found to possess false documents.

Officers said they had completed the first stage of re-establishing law and order in Nairobi but other locations and African areas had yet to be processed.

ROUND-UP TO GO ON
"Many thousands" more Kikuyu and other suspects are likely to be picked up in the next few weeks, they added. Of 100,000 Africans originally estimated to be in Nairobi, 70,000 were believed to be Kikuyu.

It was also stated today that to maintain continuously the large forces which initiated the operation is considered uneconomic. The same work would be done by smaller forces over a longer period in the future.

Kikuyu women, being shipped by train back to their reserves from Nairobi this week, demonstrated their feeling by hurling tins of milk and corned beef given them as rations out the train windows.

The clean-up has seriously depleted the staffs of many offices, hotels and homes—at least temporarily. The Kikuyu had been widely used as labour throughout the city.

Seventeen of 25 dining room and kitchen staff of one hotel here have been picked up for security screening.

Many offices are temporarily without messengers and many homes without their cooks and houseboys.

Violent crime has almost disappeared from the city since the clean-up began.—Reuter.

Plane Wreckage Discovered

Corpus Christi, Texas, May 6. The burning wreckage of a missing F4M naval patrol bomber has been spotted 100 miles from Brownsville, Mexico, the US Navy reported today. Earlier it had been announced that a naval aircraft with 10 persons on board was missing on a training flight in the Gulf of Mexico.

So far there has been no sign of any survivors.—France-Press.

The Round-Up Under Way

SUCCESSFUL COUP

Civil Junta In Paraguay

Asuncion, May 6. A civil Junta took over the government today following an uprising by Army cavalry forces which deposed President Federico Chaves.

In a statement signed by its leader, civil engineer Tomas Romero Perera, the Junta said the "present political situation in the country remains under the control of the Colorado Party."

Chaves had been a leader of the Colorado Party. There was no word of his fate.

The statement said order prevailed throughout the country.

The Junta met throughout the afternoon to consider steps towards full restoration of political normalcy. Important announcements were expected within the next few hours.

The United Press Bureau in Asuncion made its first telephone communication with Argentina in 48 hours. Official censorship barred discussion of the political situation and ordered the call restricted to family affairs.

It was expected that the first step of the new civil Junta would be to decide the presidential question as the country remains without a President. Nothing was known of deposed President Chaves or his whereabouts.

The first direct news cables sent out from Asuncion since Monday said international airlines were operating again; railway and streetcar services were back to normal, stores, theatres and movies were reopening slowly tonight after being closed during the disturbances; newspapers were expected to appear tomorrow after failing to publish yesterday and today, and there was complete order in the streets of Asuncion.—United Press.

Gaol Term For Socialist

Vienna, May 6. The former Hungarian Socialist leader, Anna Kethly, has been sentenced to a twelve-year prison term by a Hungarian court, according to News of Hungary, a confidential information bulletin published by Hungarian emigres.

Anna Kethly, former Vice-President of the Hungarian National Assembly, had disappeared in 1949.—France Presse.

FLOODS THREATEN BASRA

Basra, May 6. Floods from the swollen Shatt-Al-Arab River tonight threatened Basra, principal port in Iraq and a major communications centre in the Near East.

Flood waters cut roads to the Zubair oilfields and Qarmah, a district of the city.

Irrigation and army engineers rushed to strengthen embankments round the city and let flood waters flow off into a depression to the south. Towards the end of April the River Euphrates inundated areas of Central and Southern Iraq from Ramadi, near Baghdad, to Nasiriyah, northwest of here, and thousands of farmers, peasants and villagers were driven from their homes. Six weeks ago the rivers Tigris and Dilyahy ravaged lands round Baghdad causing damage estimated at £35 million and forcing the evacuation of about 120,000 people.—Reuter.

35 INJURED IN FREE-FOR-ALL

Dacca, May 6. Thirty-five people were injured, three of them seriously, in a clash with police here today.

First reports said the incident grew from an argument between a shopkeeper and police man which developed into a general free-for-all.

Three East Bengal (East Pakistan) Government ministers rushed to the scene to try to restore order.—Reuter.

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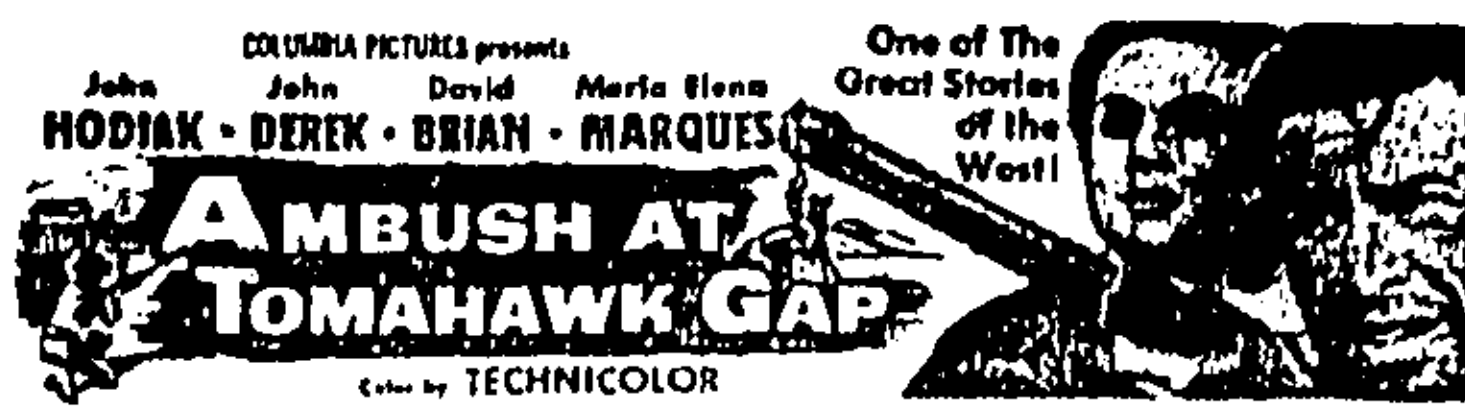
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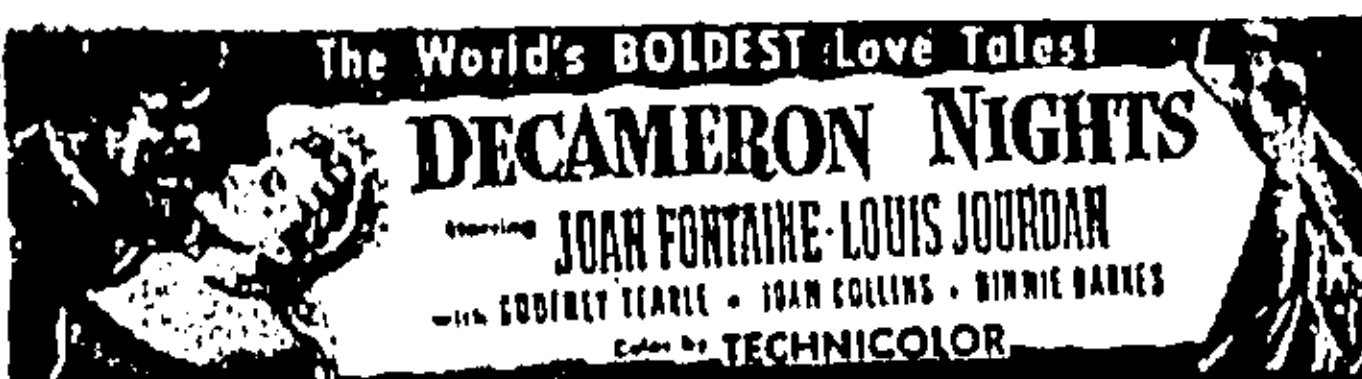
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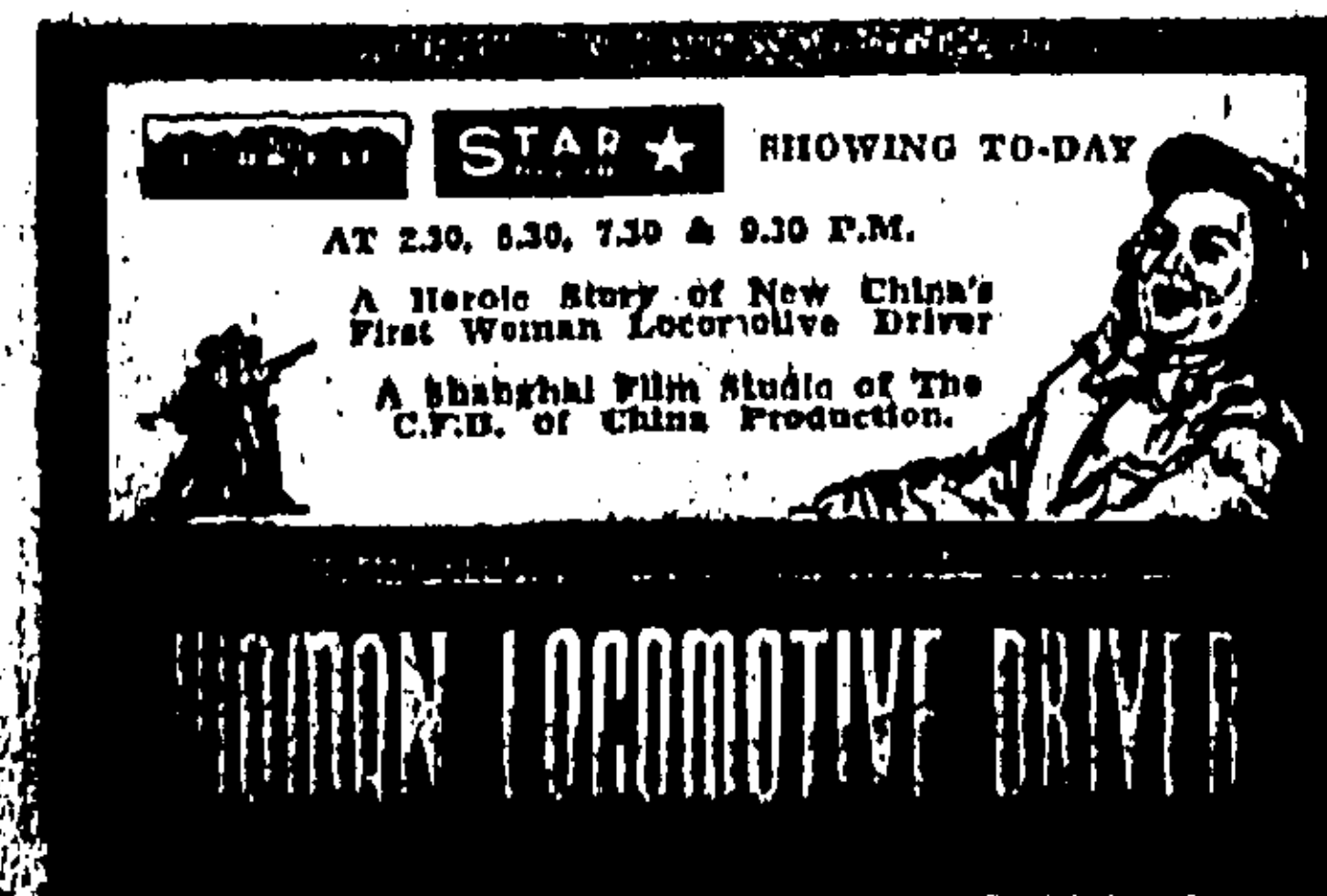
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Cabinet Approves Two Bills To Create Armed Forces

Tokyo, May 6.

The Japanese Lower House Cabinet Committee today approved two bills which pave the way to rebuilding of the Japanese armed forces.

The two bills, which are closely related with the mutual defence assistance agreement with the United States, which was signed last March, will give Japan its own army, navy and air force within eight years if passed by the Diet (the Parliament).

Under the bills, the defence force bill, Japan will have joint chiefs of staff, army, navy and air force general staffs and a national defence council attached to the Cabinet.

The Japanese National Safety Board (Defence Ministry) will change its name to the Defence Board. Restrictions on ex-servicemen, who fought in world war two holding executive posts in the defence force, will be abolished and reserve forces which the Premier could mobilise in time of emergency would be established.

Premier Yoshida told the Committee in reply to questions asking whether "Japan's war-renouncing constitution permitted a defence build-up, it is the national obligations of a sovereign nation to build up maximum defence possible."

Mr Yoshida said it was quite legal for Japan under the present constitution to have a "peace preserving force" which did not constitute "war potential."

"The United States, Britain and other nations are using one half of their entire budget for national defence," he said. Japan should also spend on defence what lay in her economic power.

He added that the government had no intention to amend the war renouncing constitution "at present." He declared no Japanese forces would be sent abroad to fight in a foreign war. He also said the Emperor would never be made Supreme Commander of the Japanese defence forces as a means of controlling the armed services, as formerly until the end of the last war. —Reuter.

British Law To Apply To Visiting GIs

London, May 6.

American forces in Britain will be subject to certain criminal offences committed in this country from June 12.

The Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, told the House of Commons today that this was the date on which the Visiting Forces Act 1952 will come into force.

This Act, recently passed by Parliament, will put Commonwealth, American and any other North Atlantic Treaty forces which might come to Britain on the same footing as British forces.

One effect of the Act will be that where an affiliation order is made by a British court against a member of the visiting forces, it will be enforceable if payment is not made by the ordinary process of law. —China Mail Special.

Boy Aged 7 Too Clever For Normal School

London, May 7.

Education experts are convinced that they have discovered a new boy genius in tiny, bespectacled Malcolm Naylor, of The Grove, Andover, Hampshire.

Malcolm is only seven but his mathematical ability has astounded the Hampshire experts that they are forecasting a brilliant career for him—possibly as a nuclear physicist.

Ever since he entered an infants' school he has been a problem to the education authorities. For he sat back at his desk, reading the Radio Times while children of the same age were grappling with their A. B. C.

READ AT TWO

This was nothing remarkable, for Malcolm has been able to read and understand newspapers since he was two. Recently at Torquay Primary School, near his blue-painted bungalow home, he has been working on advanced problems in algebra.

He is so clever that he cannot be fitted into any normal school routine. Now Hampshire Education Committee have decided that

Four Injured By His Suicide Attempt

Nuremberg.

West Germany, May 6. An 18-year-old student, who carried a home-made bomb into a cinema in a suicide attempt, injured himself and three other people when it went off, police said today.

He carried the bomb in his brief case. It consisted of a tin filled with nails and gunpowder and a detonator with a battery. About 250 people were in the cinema at the time. —China Mail Special.

He Mapped The World In Wood!

London, May 6.

Six Londoners have received an ancient craft on hundreds of dining-room tables. Since they met, by arrangement, at the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral 18 months ago they have seen the art of marquetry grow.

The six are all modest experts in wood mosaic, making patterns and pictures, all of wood, mainly for home decoration.

Mr Noel Malyn, chairman of the London society, explained: "Marquetry is the ideal hobby for occupational therapy among sick and disabled folk."

For a very modest outlay anyone can start work, making a variety of articles for either decoration or everyday use. What can be made in marquetry?

One of the Society's 400 members made a map of the world, using 200 different woods, and making sure that the wood-producing countries were shown in the actual timber they produce.

Mr Malyn, like many society members, does not need a special workshop to do the work. "The dining-room table is quite sufficient for us all," he explained. —(London Express Service)

New Belgian Government Wins Vote

Brussels, May 6.

Belgium's new Socialist-Liberal Government today won a vote of confidence on its general policy from the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house. The vote was 109 for 89 against and one member abstained.

The policy declaration was read earlier this week by M. Achille Van Acker, the Socialist Premier, who announced a cut in Belgium's military service from 21 to 18 months immediately.

He also said the country's policy would remain "faithful to the North Atlantic Alliance" and be based on its contribution to European integration.

M. Van Acker's coalition with M. Paul Henri Spak as Foreign Minister came to power after last month's general elections when the four-year-old Catholic Government was defeated.

Today's adverse votes came from the Catholics, the Communists and a Flemish break-away Catholic party, "the People's Christian Union." —Reuter.

Push-Button Hospital Has Arrived

TV Radio And Golf For All

New York, May 6.

The nearest approach to a "push-button" hospital has been built on a golf course near Philadelphia. It is the Lankenau Hospital—looking more like a holiday resort than a medical institution.

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Most of the rooms have private bathrooms. Corner rooms have two walls of glass. Decoration is in soft shades of rose, green, blue and yellow, with modern furniture and indirect lighting. —(London Express Service)

"Futurist"

Builds Model

"Saucer"

London, May 6.

After making a model airplane for his 15-year-old son, Mr Charles Wornell, of Bolton Road, Chessington, Surrey, set about thinking up some new designs for aeroplanes.

He has produced some "futuristic" models of fighters and bombers, and he has built a model aircraft which is best described as a combination of a "flying wing," a helicopter and a "flying saucer."

"CONVERTIPANE"

His idea is to have a "convertiplane" which takes off vertically like a helicopter and is propelled forward by jet motors.

In the centre of the wing is a cut-out circle. This is surrounded by a domed "flying saucer" fuselage.

In this he visualises the helicopter engine driving blades attached to the bottom of the dome and rotating within the circle.

The forward driving jets are mounted in the wings in the orthodox manner.

N T A SCIENTIST

Mr Wornell is not an aircraft scientist. He says: "It would like to meet an expert to see whether my idea would work."

During the war Mr Wornell worked on the making of gun turrets and gun sights for RAY aircraft. —(London Express Service)

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BEVAN-CHURCHILL CLASH

FORECAST Labour Rebel's Question On SE Asia Defence

London, May 6.

British politicians tonight forecast a new Parliamentary squabble on Southeast Asia defence on Monday when Labour left-winger Mr Aneurin Bevan is to question the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

Mr Bevan has given notice he will ask the Prime Minister "whether he has any statement to make on the plans which are proceeding for the realisation of a Southeast Asia security arrangement."

Two other developments on the Southeast Asian defence today were:

- India and Ceylon have replied to the Foreign Secretary, Mr Eden's message asking them if they would associate themselves with resources to guarantee peace in Indo-China.

- The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr R. G. Casey said Australia would be "perfectly happy to enter into discussion for a defensive alliance for Southeast Asia 'at the proper time'."

A series of quarrels between Mr Bevan and the Labour Party official leaders was initiated recently by the Dulles-Eden proposal to explore the possibility of such a pact.

Mr Bevan after clashing with Mr Attlee, the Labour Party leader, in the House of Commons and criticising the proposal as "a surrender to American pressure," resigned from the Labour "Shadow Cabinet" in Parliament.

He also disagreed with the Labour leader's decision to support West German rearmament. The left-wingers return to the issue is regarded as certain to stimulate a flow of supplementary questions to the Prime Minister on Monday.

ANXIOUS TO KNOW

Some members of Parliament analysing statement made both here and in Washington are anxious to know whether a commitment has been made or any organisation is in process of formation.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said "I am not aware that 10 countries have agreed to discuss the possibility of securing a collective defence in Southeast Asia. No discussions have been arranged at all."

But the same day President Eisenhower told a press conference that plans were proceeding for the realisation of a Southeast Asia security arrangement.

In Parliament last month Mr Eden made it clear that what he was committed to was an examination of the possibilities of establishing a collective

defence within the framework of United Nations to assure the peace and security and freedom of Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Mr Bevan is understood to feel that not only has a new commitment been entered into but that in President Eisenhower's words "such an organisation is in the process of formation."—Reuter.

TWO REPLIES

Geneva, May 6. Mr Anthony Eden, has replied from the Prime Ministers of India and Ceylon to his message asking them if they would associate themselves, with measures to guarantee peace in Indo-China, a British spokesman announced tonight.

He declined to indicate the nature of the replies.

The reply of the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, arrived here today. The answer sent by Sir John Kotelawala, Prime Minister of Ceylon, was received on Tuesday.

Mr Eden sent messages to the two Premiers as well as to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Mohammed Ali, on the eve of their meeting with the Burmese and Indonesian Prime Ministers at Colombo last week.

No reply has yet been received from Mr Mohammed Ali, the spokesman said.

At the end of their Colombo conference the five Asian Prime Ministers called among other things, for a cease-fire in Indo-China.—Reuter.

PERFECTLY HAPPY

Darwin, May 6. The Australian Minister of External Affairs, Mr Richard Casey, said tonight Australia would be "perfectly happy" to enter into discussions for a defensive alliance for Southeast Asia at "the proper time".

Mr Casey, who returned from the Geneva conference to take part in the Australian election campaign, said he considered there was every possibility of a peaceful settlement in Indo-China.

Neither the Western nor the Eastern powers wanted an extension of the war there, he said.

Mr Casey added that no commitments of any kind had been made regarding Indo-China.

The Minister stated that no move for the resumption of diplomatic relations between Australia and the Soviet Union had been made. He added that he had talked with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Mr Gromyko, and there had been no sign of hostility or reserve on the part of the Russians.

Mr Casey said the Petrov affair had not been discussed.—Reuter.

Errol Flynn Comes To London



Herbert Wilcox, Errol Flynn & Anna Neagle, a trio at London Airport. Flynn flew in from America, and will play opposite Anna in a film, "Lilacs in Spring" a version of the musical play, "The Glorious Days".

What Is Britain's Safest Factory? Believe It Or Not, An Atom Plant!

London, May 6.

Despite the constant menace of radioactivity the Windscale atomic plant at Sellafield, Cumberland, which produces all the plutonium used in British atomic energy projects, is probably the safest factory in Britain. The plant's accident rate is one of the lowest in the country, the General Manager, Mr Henry Davey, told British and foreign newspapermen.

They were the first non-official visitors to the tightly-guarded experimental plant since it was built four years ago in the lonely lake-land of Northern England to produce the raw material for atomic power and weapons.

"We are laying the foundations of future industry safely, satisfactorily and efficiently," Mr Davey told reporters as he showed them around the square crematorium-like buildings of the plant peopled by white-clad workers re-cumulating surgeons ready for an operation.

He said despite the constant menace of unnatural radioactivity, there was less than one accident—serious enough for a man to lose working hours—for every 100,000 man hours worked.

He said the increased knowledge in handling the danger of radiation infection was one of the most encouraging developments at Windscale.

There was a different conception now on the safety of atomic workers than there had been in the beginning.

When the Windscale factory was built, it had been assumed that no human being would ever be able to penetrate the thick concrete shield surrounding all processes producing extreme radioactivity.

Now maintenance work could be carried out within the protective shield by men wearing an all-embracing polyvinyl chloride "cover-all"—a sort of plastic diving suit with a transparent enclosed hood.

Inside the 300-acre plant, all the 3,000 workers wear special

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL

It is expected to be in full production by 1960. Its potential output was described as "tremendous," but for security reasons Mr Davey refused to divulge how soon the plant would begin production and how much power it would generate.

He admitted it would embody new techniques which already made Windscale obsolete, though the two plants could always be complementary.

Calder would make plutonium in the most economical way—the heat escapes from the Windscale piles. Four years ago it was not known how to harness the heat caused by plutonium production and it was dispersed into the air.

No foreigners are employed at Windscale. The firm now Britain to set foot inside the plant's high-wire fence was Werner Bussdeler.

Australian Elections

Evatt Opens Labour's Campaign

Sweeping Promises

Melbourne, May 6. The Labour Party announced a "fighting programme" of tax cuts and bigger social security benefits today as nominations for the May 29 general election closed with 293 candidates registered.

The Prime Minister of the outgoing Liberal-Country Party coalition, Mr Robert Menzies, will be opposed by Labour and Communist candidates at his constituency of Kooyong, near Melbourne, in the elections for a new House of Representatives.

Only a few of the 121 seats will be uncontested. Dr Evatt, leader of the Labour Party, said in a nation-wide broadcast from a meeting hall that his Party will support a policy of easy credit for homes and goods, if it is elected.

He also promised a tax slash, "cradle to the grave" social security benefits and vigorous National defence and development programmes.

Labour will seek maximum food production not only in the interests of Australia but because of its duty "to many millions close to Australia's shores," Dr Evatt added.

"Their goodwill could be a vast asset in the development of far friendlier relations than those now existing. That could be one human contribution from Australia to the elimination of Communism or other totalitarian and subversive doctrines and the building up of democratic strength," he said.

In the outgoing Parliament the coalition held 68 seats (Liberal 51, Country Party 17), Labour 53. Apart from the 121 uncontested seats there are 100 representatives of the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

The Communist Party, which is contesting 18 more seats than in the 1951 elections is making its strongest bid in New South Wales. Mr Ludwig Bamberger, the Party Secretary, is among 19 candidates in the state.

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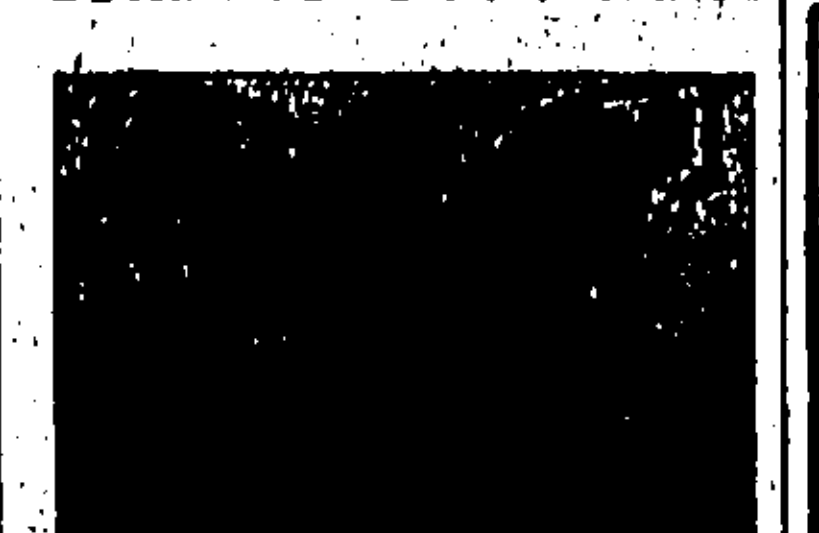
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Dominici To Go On Trial For Murder

Aixen Provence, May 6.
A special court today
decided that 77-year-old
Gaston Dominici should be
put on trial for murdering
British scientist, Sir Jack
Drummond, his wife and
their daughter at Lurs in
August, 1952.

The special court gave
its decision after studying
the dossier prepared by the
investigating magistrate.

Dominici, who has been
detained at Diane Poisson
since last November on
triple murder charges, has
claimed that he confessed
to the crime under duress.
—China Mail Special.

Complicated Dials Worry Jet Pilots

The Hague, May 6.

Five of the world's leading
jet test pilots said today
that if instrument panels
were simpler flying would
be safer.

The five were Major Charles
Yeager (United States), Squadron
Leader Neville Duke (Great
Britain), Squadron Leader W.
Pollock (United States), Scott
Crossfield (United States) and
Commander Roger Carpenter
(France).

They were among 200 leading
aeronautical scientists from 21
countries attending a three-day
meeting of the Advisory Group
for Aeronautical Research and
Development (AGARD) of
NATO.

Carpenter, then spokesman,
said that automobile manufac-
turers were ahead of jet
builders in the field of
simplification because drivers of
the faster cars could keep their
eyes on both their instrument
board and the road.

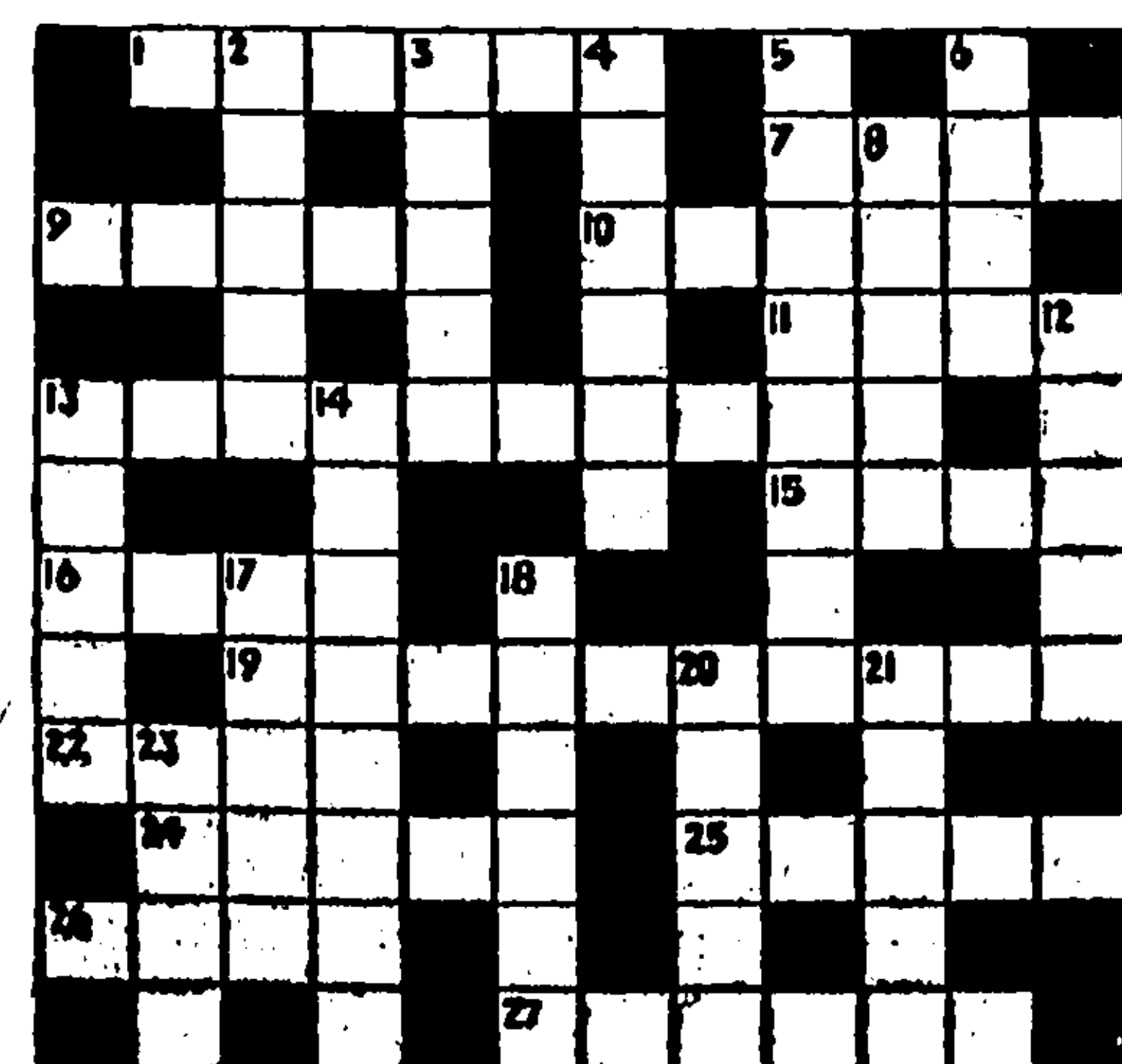
He said that the instrument
board in a modern jet was too
complicated to permit a pilot to
watch it and the ground at the
same time.

The conference was opened by
the Netherlands' Prime Minister,
himself a keen pilot who
broke through the sound barrier
in a jet fighter during a recent
trip to the United States.—
United Press.

Washington, May 6.
The United States Agriculture
Department officially announced
today it would sell its surplus
stocks of butter for export at
the world price.

Today's offer would bring the
overseas price of surplus United
States butter down to an average
of 47 cents a pound (3/5d), in-
stead of as previously at the
domestic price of 60½
cents a pound (about 4/6s.).—
Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Type of hound (8).
7 Allments (4).
9 Former (5).
10 Craze (5).
11 Hostilities (4).
13 Release from service (10).
15 Accurate (4).
16 Grain (4).
19 Eastinghouse (10).
22 Couple (4).
24 Bird (5).
25 Imbibe (5).
26 Fortune (4).
27 Chaperon (5).

DOWN
2 Self-evident truth (5).
3 Scour (5).
4 Upstart (5).
5 Omnious (5).
6 Scheme (4).
8 Passenger ship (5).
12 Exhausted (5).
13 Sag (5).
14 Spectator (5).
15 Ordinal (5).
18 Made reparation (5).
20 Excessive (5).
21 Foreign (5).
23 Paraded (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Dapper, 4 Haven, 7 Jeered, 8 Wrath, 10 Chub, 12 Haggard, 15 Major, 16 Area, 17 Even, 19 Veins, 20 Diddled, 21 Tent, 22 Alone, 24 Repair, 25 Smear, 26 Crisis. Down: 1 Dejected, 2 Presumed, 3 Racer, 5 Arrogant, 6 Entire, 9 Parach, 11 Bandanna, 12 Hovel, 13 Arsenal, 14 Dastards, 15 Victim, 18 Dear.

Soviet Russia Introduces Death Sentence For Murder

London, May 6.

Russia tonight introduced the death sentence for murder and it is believed that this is the first time in the history of the Soviet State that capital punishment has been applied to murderers.

Previously the death sentence was applied only in the case of serious crimes against the State, such as espionage, treason and sabotage.

Now, said Moscow radio, the penalty will be applied also to "persons who intentionally commit murder under inhuman circumstances."

The death sentence was abolished completely for all

offences in Russia from 1947 until January 12, 1950.

Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper then hailed this as "a great act of Socialist humanity."

The death sentence was re-introduced in January, 1950 for offences of treason, espionage and sabotage.

and Police Chief, and six others were executed in December last year on charges of high treason.

The new decision to apply the death sentence in case of murder was issued by the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Moscow radio said the measure followed the request of Soviet citizens for the public execution of "vicious capital criminals" to "strengthen

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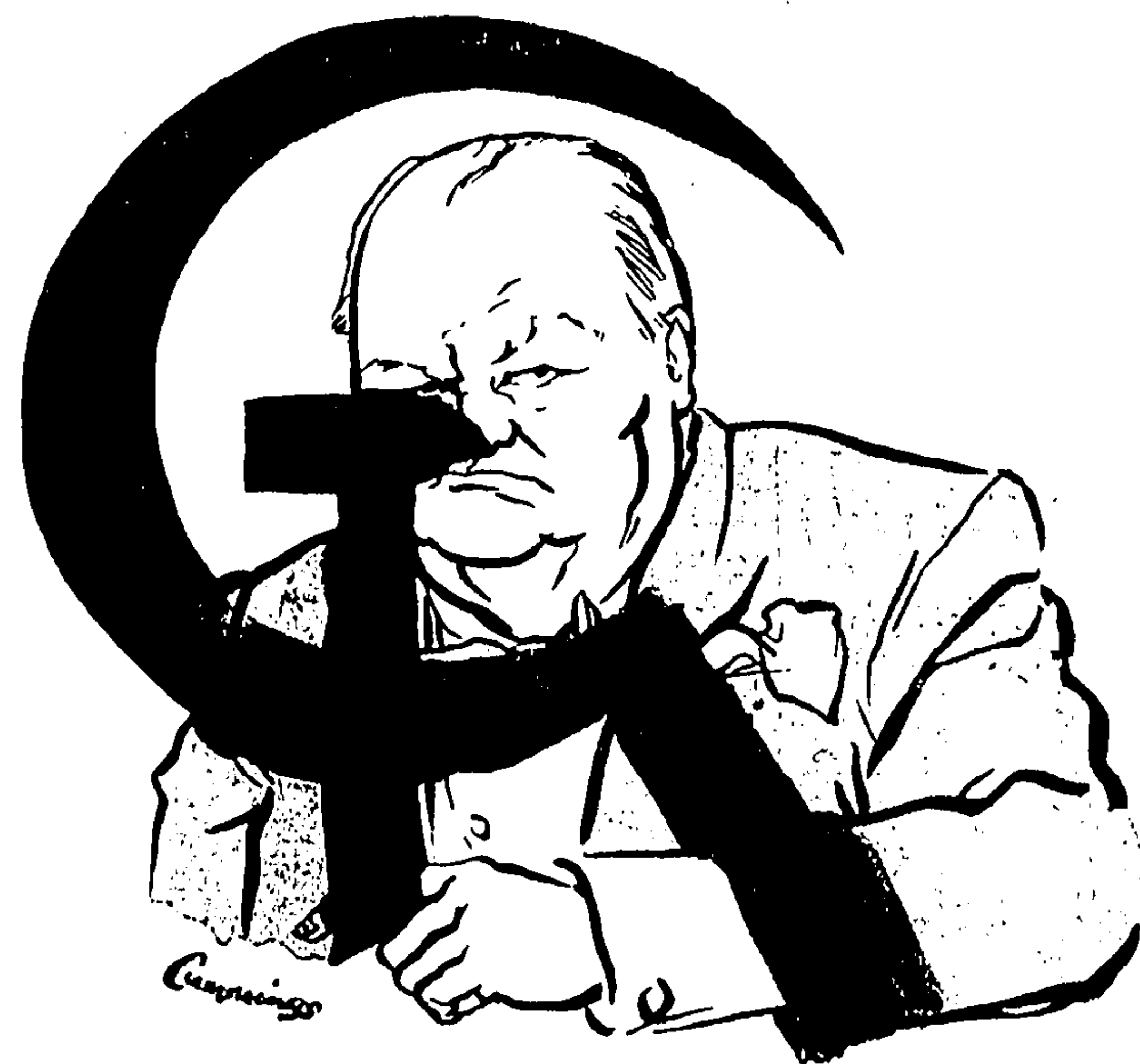
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SO TRAGEDY FOLLOWED TRIUMPH



TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY Sir Winston sub-titles the final volume of his "The Second World War." Triumph—obvious to all; Tragedy, best put in these words, spoken by Stalin at Yalta, some of the saddest of the might-have-beens of history—"If we, the three Great Powers, now hold together no other Power can do anything to us."

Churchill's conviction that "Soviet Russia had become a mortal danger to the free world" came to him before anyone else and left him a lonely figure at the feast of victory.

"I moved amid cheering crowds or sat at a table adorned with congratulations and blessings from every part of the Grand Alliance with an aching heart and a mind oppressed with forebodings. . . . I should not tell this tale now when all is plain in glaring light if I had not known it and felt it when all was dim."

Three days after VE Day, on May 12, 1945, he is dictating a telegram to President Truman: "An iron curtain is drawn down upon their front."

The Russian alliance had weathered terrible storms. He never saw the British Cabinet so angry, he says, as at the "martyrdom of Warsaw."

by **WILLIAM BARKLEY**

reviewing Sir Winston's sixth and final war book*

The Russians called on the Poles to revolt and cynically stopped their armies in the outskirts of the city while the Germans annihilated the anti-Communists within it.

The Russians even forbade our aircraft to use their airfields in dropping supplies to Warsaw. It would have been so easy to retaliate: "All convoys will be stopped by us."

But "in war you have to make even humiliating submissions to the general aim."

At other times things went so well. When for the moment our armies reeled under Germany's dying kick in the Ardennes, Eisenhower was anxious to know if the Russians could take off some of the pressure. Air Marshal Tedder, sent on a mission to Moscow, was delayed by weather.

"I said to Eisenhower: 'I expect Stalin would tell me if I asked him. Shall I try?'"

The answer was sent by Stalin the very next day, a thrilling message, telling that the Soviet offensive would be accelerated. Says Churchill: "I quote this interchange as a good example of the speed at which business could be done at the summit of the Alliance, and also because it was a fine deed of the Russians and their chief to hasten their vast offensive, no doubt at a heavy cost in life."

IN Athens in December 1944, enforcing the anti-Communist settlement, Churchill reports in his war history: "Three or four shells rained spots of water fairly near the cruiser Ajax as we were about to go ashore."

"Here an armoured car and military escort awaited us. I said to my private secretary, Jack Colville, 'Where is your pistol?' and when he said that he had not got one I scolded him, for I certainly had my own."

"In a few moments, while we were crowding into our steel box, he said, 'I have got a gun. Where did you get it from?'"

"I borrowed it from the driver," he replied. "What is he going to do?" I asked. "He will be busy driving."

"But there will be no trouble unless we are stopped," I answered, "and what is he going to do then?"

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Through Cash Sweep Tickets for the 2nd Day (8th May) may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382, Nathan Road, during official office hours and until 10 a.m. on that day.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th May, 1954, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 7th May at—
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.
5, D'Aguiar Street at 5.00 p.m.
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By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

Roger Bannister Becomes First Man To Run The Mile In Under Four Minutes

COLLAPSES AFTER ACHIEVING FEAT UNDER "STUPID" CONDITIONS

Oxford, May 6.

Roger Bannister, lanky British athlete, today became the first man in the world to run the mile in under four minutes—a feat many doctors and sportsmen believed to be impossible.

The 24-year-old medical student collapsed and had to be helped off the track after clocking three minutes 59.4 seconds for the Amateur Athletics Association against Oxford University.

Bannister achieved the dream of every mile runner in conditions he himself described before the race as "stupid". A strong cross wind handicapped the runners.

Bannister suggested after the race that a three-minute 56-second mile was a possible target for the future.

Bannister's Austrian coach, Franz Stampfl, said: "After three or four weeks more training, Roger may try to break his record."

The world record for the mile had stood to the credit of Sweden's great runner, Gunder Hagg, at 4 minutes 14 seconds since 1946.

Scores of cheering spectators settled round the gasping Bannister as he broke the tape and set a new "high" for human speed and endurance.

His time-mates in the race were Chris Brasher, a former Cambridge University runner, and Chris Chataway, who like Bannister, was one of Britain's team at the 1952 Olympic games in Helsinki.

Brasher set a cracking pace from the start, and at the end of the first lap, he was neck and neck with Bannister.

Chataway was suffering from slight stomach trouble, but he too was full of confidence.

CRACKING PACE

Chris Brasher, the former Cambridge Blue, decided to make all the running, and immediately the gun went he started out boldly, followed by Bannister and Chataway. Brasher set a cracking pace and at the end of the first lap, he led with Bannister, followed by Chataway.

Bannister's time at this lap was 57.8 seconds.

There was no alteration in the running at the end of the second lap, which Bannister reached in one minute 58.2 seconds, still in second position.

Shortly after the start of the third lap, Brasher began to slow down almost to a walking pace, and Chataway took up the run.

NOTICE**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 12th Race Meeting 1953/54 to be held on Saturday 22nd May, 1954, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 11th May, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.**NOTICE****THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby Saturday, 8th May, 1954.

Over 1,200,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 7th May, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.

5 D'Aguiar Street, at 5.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, 8th May, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
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along with Bannister just behind him.

Both men were now going all out, but were hampered by the cross wind as they rounded the bend at the end of the back straight, but Chataway and Bannister still continued to plug along manfully with the Australian. Chataway just ahead of Bannister at the end of the third lap.

Bannister's time at this point was three minutes 55 seconds. Chataway continued to hold the advantage until 300 yards from home when Bannister made one of his customary bursts and took the lead.

He showed, despite obvious signs of the terrific strain under which he was going, that he was making a four-minute mile his goal. Checked on by the crowd, he tore up the final straight to get home a brilliant winner.

Immediately he had passed the tape pandemonium broke loose. The crowd jumped from the stands, rushed across the track and the exhausted runner, supported by officials, was soon the centre of a smiling and admiring crowd. Bannister eventually recovered to receive congratulations of friends and A.A.A. officials.

These figures were officially confirmed.

George Dole, an American at Oxford University, also ran in the race.

JUST ABOUT MAKE IT

Bannister, whose success was watched by his mother and father, said: "The wind was strong and at one point my trainer said he did not think I ought to go for a record, a thought I myself, however, that here was a chance to do it, and though I felt pretty tired at the end, I knew that I would just about make it. The wind must have cost the runners some seconds."

By achieving the mile in under four minutes, he has forestalled the ambitions of several of the current world top class runners, who were going to make it their aim in the coming season.

Among them were the Australian Johnny Landy, who will be running shortly in Scandinavia, and the American, W. Santee, whom many experts thought would be the man to achieve the magical figures first.

Bannister's previous fastest time was four minutes two seconds in a specially organised race at Motspur Park, Surrey, but this effort was not recognised as a record by the British Amateur Board.

Bannister's progress in the race can be seen from the following figures: 22.7 seconds; 44.0 seconds; 57.8 seconds; 80.0 yards; one minute 27.5 seconds; 88.0 yards; one minute 58.2 seconds; 1,540 yards; three minutes 59.4 seconds.

Chataway, who was second in four minutes 7.2 seconds, was one of the first to congratulate Bannister, saying: "You did a fine job." Third was W.T. Huiatt (and this enabled the A.A.A. team to occupy the first three places).

After the race, officials signed the forms which will put up Bannister's time for ratification as a record.

The track was strewn with just before the meeting and was

found to be half an inch over the mile.

Bannister was embraced by his mother, who said: "I knew that you would do it one day, George." As he left the ground, he was given a tremendous ovation by the crowd.

When Bannister made his world shattering record, there was a cross wind of 15 miles per hour. It had been gusting to 25 miles per hour just before the race.

An expert stated that Bannister's time would have been in the region of three minutes 58 seconds if it had been calm.

AS HISTORIC AS BREAKING SOUND BARRIER

New York, May 6.

Mr. Dan Ferris, Secretary of the United States Amateur Athletic Union, said today he was "delighted" about Roger Bannister's under four minute mile and sent his warmest congratulations. "He is a great athlete," Mr. Ferris told Reuters.

He watched the New Zealander's career closely and decided to follow in his footsteps—to win the Olympic title in 1952 just as Lovelock had won it in 1936.

FIVE-YEAR CAMPAIGN
So Bannister started a five-year campaign, first phase of which was the gradual building up of his strength. In 1947 he won the mile for Oxford against**A GREAT PERFORMANCE**

Wes Santee, the United States leading mile runner, said today of Bannister's feat "the time is still not as low as it can be run."

Santee, who holds the United States mile record of four minutes 4.4 seconds, said "it was a great performance. Of the mile runners, I would like to see Bannister try to break it. I am not exceptionally disappointed," Santee said. "It has always been a fact that Europeans have been ahead of us in the mile. We haven't held the record for many years."

"TERRIFIC" SAYS LANDY

Stockholm, May 6.

John Landy, Australia's leading mile runner, said: "Bannister's world record is terrific" when he received the news in his hotel room in Abo.

Landy continued: "I send Bannister my warmest congratulations on his splendid results. I feel as if a burden had been taken off my shoulders."

"Now I do not have to try to be the first runner in the world to achieve the dream mile," Reuters.

WOULD BE BEATEN SAYS ABRAHAM

London, May 6.

Sir Adolphe Abraham, official honorary medical adviser to the Amateur Athletic Association, tonight said that Roger Bannister's four-minute mile triumph would be beaten before long.

"Athletes in the United States, Sweden, and possibly Germany will make attempts to smash the record now that they know it can be done," he said.

"And you will find that runners will be beating it," Reuters.

Took Up Running Only Because He Was Too Light For Oxford Eight

Oxford, May 6.

Roger Bannister, the shy medical student who today became the first man to run the elusive "four minute mile" took up running only because he was too light to get a place in the Oxford University rowing eight.

His achievement was almost casual in its execution—for Bannister is no Showman.

The "lone wolf" runner—so called because he scorns coaches and works out his own training schedule—put his studies before sports. He trains on a public recreation ground next to the hospital where he works.

To Bannister his running has always been just something that must fit conveniently into the rest of his life. Before the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki he came under heavy press criticism because he would not make use of coaches. A disappointed Bannister could come only fourth in the 1,500 metres final.

Bannister, born on March 23, 1929, showed promise as a runner at an early age when he won the junior cross country race at a preparatory school near Bath, Western England. But then he went to University—College school where he made his mark as an oarsman. He still ran a few races from time to time, but rowing had become his first love.

In 1940, Bannister went to Oxford University—with one great ambition, to row against Cambridge in the annual Fether-Mortlake boat race. If he had been slightly heavier, his track career might have finished then and there. But Bannister, who stands six foot one but only weighs 10 stone 10 pounds, was told he was too light to make a first rate oarsman.

So he turned once more to running. He had a great admiration for the late Jack Lovelock, the 1,500 metres Olympic champion of 1936 and ex-holder of the world's record for the mile—like himself an Oxford man and medical student.

He watched the New Zealander's career closely and decided to follow in his footsteps—to win the Olympic title in 1952 just as Lovelock had won it in 1936.

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Paris, May 6.

M. Rene Mourlon, training director of the French Athletics Association, said here today that no French runner could equal or better Roger Bannister's performance in running the mile under four minutes at Oxford today.

"Congratulations to Britain for being the first country to attain this wonderful achievement. I'm afraid no French runner could come anywhere near Bannister's brilliant time," he said.

"The only possibility is the 26-year-old Algerian athlete, Mabrouk, whose best time over the distance is four minutes and 8.6 seconds."

"But a recent appendix operation has badly slowed down his training for this season so we will have to count him out for the moment."

"Britain can look forward to keeping the four minute laurels for a long time yet," M. Mourlon added.—Reuters.

"WONDERFUL"

Lausanne, May 6.

"Wonderful, my hearty congratulations to him" was how Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, greeted the news of Roger Bannister's four-minute mile.

He was about to leave for Geneva on his way to Athens.

"It is a triumph that every middle distance runner has been trying to achieve for more than 40 years, and I really congratulate him most sincerely," Mr. Brundage said.

He appeared to be astonished at the news.

M. Armand Massard of France, Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee, said when told of the feat: "It is magnificent. I am delighted to hear it."—Reuters.

Homz Cricket

Trueman In Fine Form At Oxford

London, May 6.
Freddie Trueman, England's fast bowler, took five wickets for five runs in a spell of eight overs for Yorkshire against Oxford University today.

Bowling with great fire in a howling wind Trueman got up much speed that the university batsmen simply could not make their strokes quickly enough to counter his pace. His full figures in the Oxford innings of 58 were 10 overs, seven maidens, eight runs and five wickets.

Eddie Lester, who scored 150 in two and a quarter hours for Yorkshire, hit 100 in 108 minutes. Altogether he hit 17 fours and three sixes. Towards the close of his innings he pulled a muscle in his left side.

Jim Laker, Surrey off spinner who like Trueman toured the West Indies recently with the England team, dismissed seven MCC batsmen for 46 runs in just over 18 overs. Neville Rogers saved the MCC from complete collapse carrying his score to 56 including one six and four fours in an innings lasting two hours 25 minutes.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

Close of play scores today were:

At Lords, the MCC, 126 (Rogers not out 56; Laker, right-hand offspin seven for 40); Surrey 113 for two.

At Oxford, Yorkshire 283 for four declared, Lester 150, Wilson 50. Oxford University, 58 (Trueman, right-arm fast-five for eight; Oxford were all out at the close).

At Cambridge, Sussex 164 for seven, Cambridge University, no further play was possible after the lunch interval because of rain.

At Southampton, the Army 183 (Richardson 67, Knott right arm offbreak six for 38), Hampshire 88 for four.—Reuters.

Acceptors For Newmarket Stakes

London, May 6.

Seventeen final acceptors for the Newmarket Stakes running over 10 furlongs at Newmarket next Wednesday, May 12, were announced here today as follows: Coronation, Scot, Alphen, Never Say Die, Ski Jump, Just Reward, Arabian Night, War-rator, Lavango, Novento, Valerian, Taw Valley, Golden God, Our Love, Castle Cloud, Evening Trial, Elopement and Ras Leigh. All carry 126 lbs.

Twelve final acceptors for the Derby Trial Stakes running over 12 furlongs at Lingfield Park on Friday, May 14, are: Landau, Carlen, Sir Edward, Bowden, Manor, Arabian Night, Sun Ruler, Novento, Alphen, Rokimos, Coronation Year and Amble Two. All carry 126 lbs.

Final acceptors for the Oaks Trial Stakes to be run over 12 furlongs at Lingfield Park on Saturday, May 15, are: Angel Bright, Festival Light, Double Edition, Hot Rally, Galey Girl, Coastal Star, Mashaquita, Polar Prince, Mademo, Madcap, Eastern Glamour, Hot Water, Felice, Flamingo, Barry, Grey, and Alycia. All together are 15 acceptors, all carrying 126 lbs.—China Mail Special.

Three Ponies Well Backed For The Epsom

London, May 6.

Bookmakers at the Victoria Club here tonight called over prices for 35 Epsom Derby handicapped horses, only three, Ambler II, Darius and Elopement were well backed.

The American owned favourite Ambler was clipped to 11 to two, half a point shorter than previous offers. Darius, the two thousand guinea winner, was in good demand at seven to one, and wound up close second favourite, two points less than French horse, Ferriol, whom he beat in the guinea.

Elopement, a stable companion of Royal Hope, Landau, attacked plenty of win and place support at 100 to seven. He has not run yet this year. Landau 40 to one on Monday returned to favour and shortened to 25 to one, half by Thursday, clipped to 28 to one following his Chester failure on Tuesday.—China Mail Special.

Closing offers were: 11-2 Ambler II, 7-1 Darius, 9-1 Ferriol, 100-6 Infatuation, 100-7 Elopement, Rowston Manor and Arabian Night, 20-1 Alphen and Blue Bell, 25-1 Court Splendour, Dandelot, Zets Fly and Blue Road, 25-1 By Thunder and Landau, 35-1 Moonlight Express, 40-1 Extremadur and Poona.

The next collier is on Monday, May 10.—China Mail Special.

DAVIS CUP MATCH

Helsinki, May 6.

Norway and Finland shared the opening two singles matches in their European zone first round Davis Cup tie here today. Sakari Galo, Finland, beat Rolf Page, Norway, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Finn Seeborg levelled the match for Norway by defeating Finland's Lars Henrik Krause, 7-2, 6-4, 6-3.—Reuters.

Winners of the tie meet France in the second round.—Reuters.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the Goods of GEORGE TUNNILL, deceased, late of No. 4 Highburgh Terrace Kowloon, in the Colony of Hong Kong, and of No. 31, Hoobade Grindon Sunderland Co. Durston, England, Engineer Manager, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 26(1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance (Chapter 10) made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th day of May, 1954.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 25th day of April, 1954.

LO AND LO Solicitors for the Administrators, Queen's Building, Hong Kong.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, May 7, 1954.

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Big Fall In Gross Tonnage Of New Ships Ordered

London, May 7.

UK Shipbuilding Conference statistics for the first quarter of the current year show that orders booked amounted to 72 ships of 120,000 and that cancellations of orders received in earlier years amounted to eight ships of 80,000 tons gross.

Orders booked in the 12 months to March 31 were 204 ships of 468,000 tons gross, against 182 ships of 894,000 tons gross in the preceding 12-month period and 525 ships of 3,037,000 tons gross in the year to March 31, 1952.

The total order book at March 31 this year was 823 vessels of 5,106,000 tons gross, against 976 and 8,438,000 a year earlier and 1,132 and 7,009,000 two years earlier.

Orders for the year to March 31, 1954, were about equal to one-third of the total of keels laid in the same period.

The Shipbuilding Analysis of Lloyd's Register of Shipbuilding Returns for the first quarter of the current year shows that while the volume under construction in British yards increased by 2,031 tons to 2,175,760 tons, the amount for export declined by 4,800 tons to 569,021 tons, or 27 per cent of the total.

On the other hand, vessels building abroad declined by 120,925 tons during the period to 3,991,242 tons, but the amount for export advanced by 42,235 to 1,433,779 tons, or 35.9 per cent of the total.

In German shipyards, work in hand rose by 10,457 to 604,301 tons, including 380,910 tons for export. West Germany was one of the few countries to record a rise in the amount of shipping under construction in the first quarter of the year.

The Amalgamated Engineering Union, third largest in the UK, has announced that it is to consider a further wage demand for engineering and shipbuilding workers.

Five weeks ago, the engineering and shipbuilding unions secured a six per cent wage increase which added between £30 million and £70 million to the country's wages bill.

Seaway Project Approved

Washington, May 6.

The House of Representatives today approved legislation, which will allow the United States to join Canada in a plan to link Atlantic Ocean shipping with the Great Lakes, 1,000 miles inland.

The plan, known as the St. Lawrence Seaway, has been fought by American interests for the last 20 years, but it was passed by the Senate in January.

It now requires only the approval and signature of President Eisenhower.

The huge project, when completed, will virtually convert some parts of the Great Lakes to "Atlantic ports" by creating a canal to allow deep-water shipping to navigate the St. Lawrence River almost to the centre of the North American continent.

Combined with the seaway plan is a hydro-power project. —Reuter.

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"CARTHAGE"	29th April	31st May
"CORFU"	27th May	20th June

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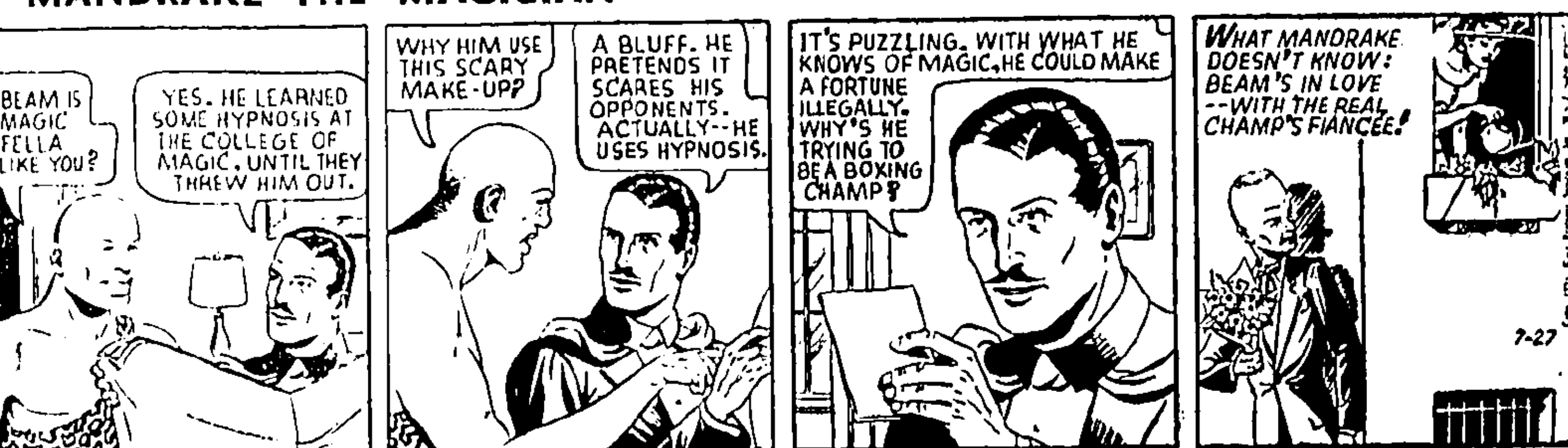
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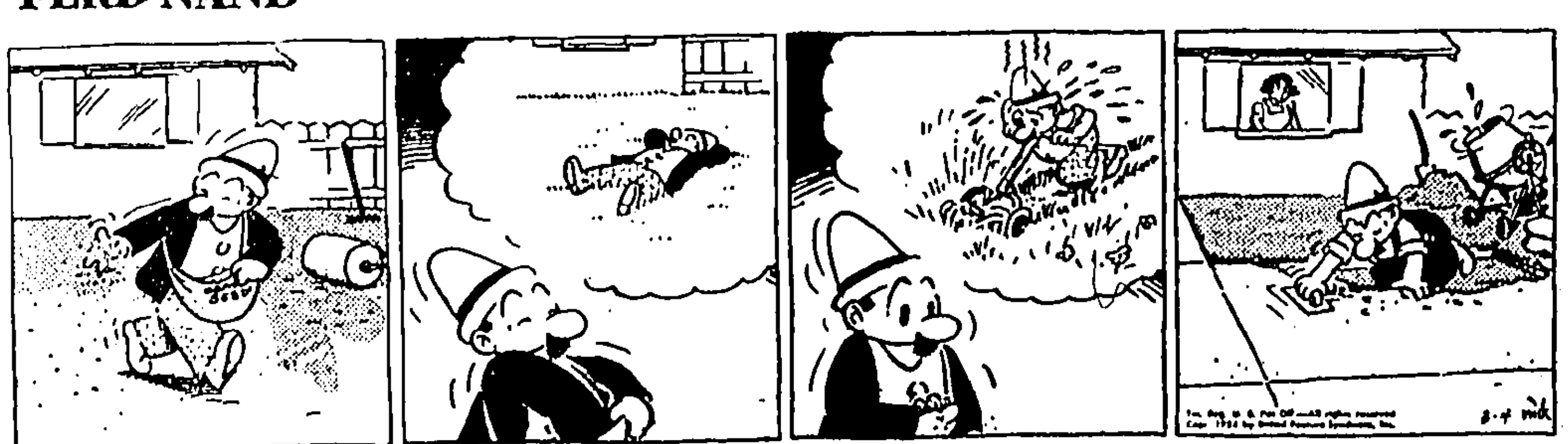
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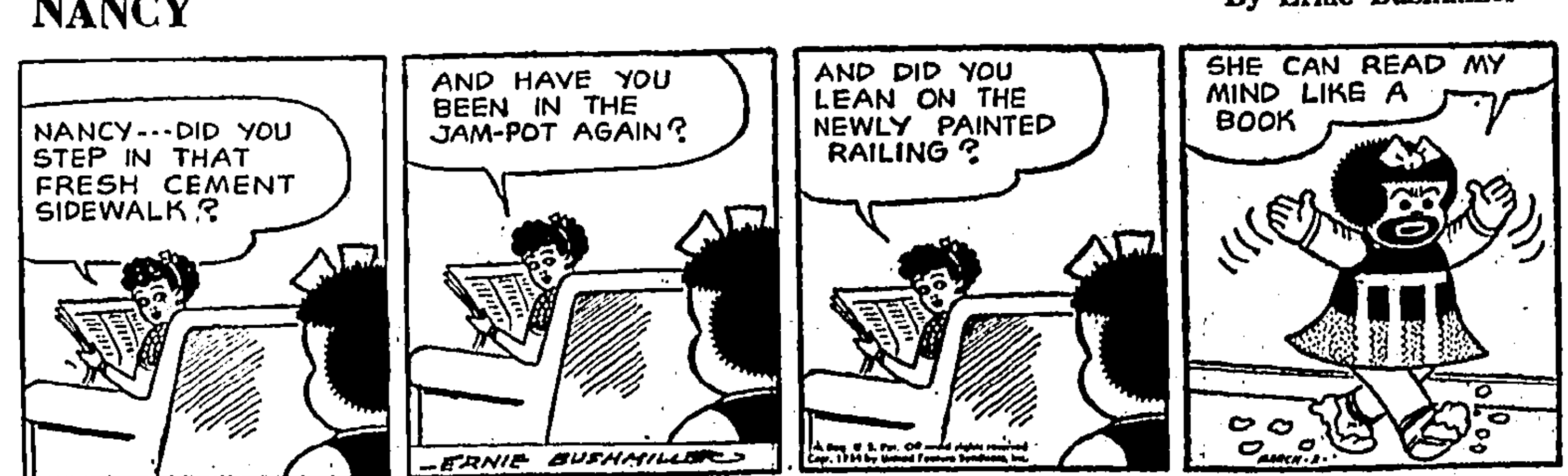
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Haircut Sir? Curtis Or Prussian

Thousands of young men want their hair cut to make it look like that of U.S. film actor Tony Curtis or like a Prussian officer's—film star Erich von Stroheim's, for instance.

Britain's hairdressers are ready for them, said Mr. J. Eaton, of Stockport, Cheshire, in his presidential address to the National Hairdressers' Federation at Swansea last week.

"We can cut a man's hair just how he wants it," he said, "but if he wants a style which entails extra time and work, he must be prepared to pay for it."

"We must fight this idea that the price of a man's haircut has become extortionate. It is generally less than the price of 20 cigarettes."

"Compared with prewar, our service charges have not risen in the same proportion as other services or goods."

Women and girls, Mr. Eaton estimated, spend £80,000,000 annually on cosmetics.

In a recent research it was found that 50 percent of all women questioned had a permanent wave by a hairdresser during the past year, and 21 percent had home "perms."

The significant point, he said, was that 46 percent had no "perm."

"Here, I think, lies an opportunity for the professional hairdresser," he said.

"The truth of our assertion, that it pays to go to a professional, may be made self-evident."

BLACK MAGIC PLAIN CHOCOLATES

San Miguel



The British film-actress Dawn Addams and the Roman Prince, Vittorio Massimo di Rocca, were married last week. The honeymoon will have to be suspended for Prince Vittorio admitted ruefully that he has been ordered to appear on May 6 in a Lehigh criminal court to answer charges of insulting a policeman who handed him a traffic ticket last year. "I didn't insult him at all," Prince Vittorio said, "But in Lehigh they have a Communist administration and probably the cop got a kick out of arresting a Prince." Then he grinned and said: "However, I hired a Communist lawyer to defend me, so that'll make things about even." If convicted Prince Vittorio would face a jail term of anything up to two years. He said the sentence could not be suspended either, since once in Rome he was convicted on a similar charge.—Express Photo.

East Germany Tries A New Experiment: Love Stories Without Propaganda

Berlin, May 6.

The first non-political love stories to be published in Communist-ruled East Germany in serial form by a daily newspaper have aroused a hurricane of "letters to the editor."

Most writers attack the stories as "immoral Western trash," but some praise them because they provide welcome relief from accounts of work and Communist ideology.

The stories, differing in no way from Western love stories, constitute the second attempt in five months to introduce "human interest" in instruments of state-controlled public information.

The first was a state-sponsored film, "The Small and the Big Happiness," which tried to combine party ideology with love and faded joyfully.

The public and the press condemned the film because neither subject came out naturally.

The state now being published have no "party line" propaganda at all and apparently try to satisfy the public thirst for "love" interest in small

does, on a trial basis. They are published in "Saechsische Zeitung," the party newspaper, at Dresden, in Saxony, which is typical of the dozen or so big provincial newspapers.

The author is Hans Lörber, aged 53, a veteran of the socialist workers' movement, and his stories are simple and unaffected, of the type printed daily in hundreds of West German papers.

The storm of letters to the editor broke over a story entitled "When the Grain Ripens," which depicts the romance of a young couple in the country. It is neither indecent nor particularly immoral by Western standards. Many of the readers' letters adjudged it differently.

"Disgusting"

An anonymous mother said that she tore the story out of the paper every morning so that her children would not be "infected by immorality."

"The story has caused indignation not only with me," she wrote. "The manner in which illegitimate sexual life has been depicted in every detail is disgusting. Such a mean and indecent manner of writing causes damage in the hearts of our children that can never be repaired."

Frau Gertrud Stelzig, of Tharandt, said that it was "deplorable to depict the feelings of the lovers so bluntly."

The working classes of the (East) German democratic republic expect their newspapers to publish morally clean stories and not such inflaming topics, which are nothing but trash."

Herr Ernst Schubert, of Neugersdorf, said that he could not understand why the paper published such stories. "I had always thought that such things were possible only in the Western world," he declared.

Frau Josepha Froehlich, a widow of Dresden, complained because, she felt, the paper answered the wish of his friend Christa to become his wife by saying: "You are virtually my wife already."

"Courageous"

The few positive readers' letters mainly hailed the courage of the author in dealing with the "ever young and vital problem of love."

Herr Albert Glese, of Altendörp, said: "This is a story in which human beings, apart from their work, have also the courage to feel spring. This would be a suitable topic for a love film, which we still hope the (state-owned) Deutscher company will one day manage to produce."

Frau Ingrid Simon, of Coswig, wrote: "It does one good to read at last about the feelings of simple human beings. I am waiting for every installment with an increasing thrill."

The author defended himself against the attacks in a sharp letter published by the "Saechsische Zeitung."

"I cannot believe that the musty and hypocritical morals of capitalist society are still with us," he said. "Society is condemned in the 20th century for works on love which then like Shakespeare, Balzac, Maupassant, Zola or Goethe used long ago."—China Mail Special.

also, after drinking its waters, wanted to become a dacoit.

Finally in 1904 Sir Pratap Singh, the then Maharaja of Jodhpur, ordered the well to be closed.

Whether the legend is true or not, it is a fact that the area has produced some hardened criminals.

The dacoits inhabit an area of 1,400 square miles bordering the former States of Jodhpur and Jaisalmer. They live in this arid wasteland in a cluster of hamlets called "Dhans."

Each of the hamlets is believed to harbour dacoits who often go to far-off places in search of their booty.

The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Mr. Jai Narain Vyas, has said that the problem of reforming the dacoits was "an economic problem which required a psychological and human approach."

A school was started at Sankara last year but in the beginning the villagers would not send their children there, fearing that education might make cowards of them. Six boys ultimately joined the school. Today there are 40 pupils.

The State Government has been taking steps to increase irrigation facilities for bringing more land under cultivation.

Sankara has thus become a social laboratory in this unique experiment for turning dacoits into useful citizens.—China Mail Special.

Since the new approach was made a year ago, 50 dacoits have surrendered to the authorities, 21 of them from the village of Sankara.

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Where The Penalty For Crime Is A New Life

Sankara, Jodhpur, May 7.

A tiny village far removed from civilisation, on the fringes of Western Rajasthan bordering Pakistan, is today carrying out a unique experiment in reforming dacoits or robbers, who are being weaned away from a life of murder, plunder and pillage to follow peaceful pursuits.

This remote village of Sankara is situated in the middle of a dacoit-infested belt covering an area of 1,400 square miles whose total population is no more than 7,000. The people of this arid and sandy belt have taken to crime as there are few other occupations available.

In order to draw them away from a life of crime, the State Government is providing useful occupations by increasing irrigation facilities and developing the wool industry of the area.

The State Government also proposes to distribute better breeds of sheep in order to improve the local varieties.

A year ago a village welfare centre was opened at Sankara and its social workers now go to the neighbouring village to explain to the people the futility of crime. The welfare centre has been to secure the co-operation of ex-highwayman Jaijandan Singh who has become a community leader.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Hongkong Share Prices Drift A Little Lower

By A Special Correspondent

Share prices on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this week edged down fractionally pending a more definite turn in the Geneva talks. Losses on the whole were no more than 20 to 40 cents.

On the afternoon call yesterday Hotels, Trams, Electrics and Dairy Farms slipped a few more cents. Dairy Farms ended up the day down 40 cents for no apparent reason at all. In fact I hear their first quarter figures this year are better than those for the corresponding period last year. They are now at their lowest price for about five months.

Yaumatis provided the feature of the week touching \$150—a new high—on the morning call yesterday still on hopes of a bonus issue. Later it dropped a dollar and finished the day at that price on a turnover of over 1,000 shares.

Of the bigger securities, Banks, East Asia and Union held steady during the week and Banks actually improved slightly. This was obviously inspired by the London market quote which is up £2 on the week.

The fact that these issues held firm was a heartening sign.

Generally the market position was this: the grim battle being fought at Dien Bien Phu and the Western disunity at Geneva discouraged buyers but sellers are obviously holding until the outcome is known of the

Indo-China talks which begin soon.

It is quite pointless to try and assess the prospects for the coming week when the chief market influence is the Geneva talks and the Indo-China war. But market prices are now low enough to bring in a number of buyers providing there is no further deterioration in the Far East situation.

Even if there is no settlement at Geneva and the future remains unsettled, President Eisenhower's apparent move away from the belligerent "united action" stand of his Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, should restore a little confidence in the Hongkong market.

Let's take a look at utilities and see how they fared over the week: Trams at \$26.90 are down 40 cents, China Lights at \$15.70 and the "news" at \$12.70 are down 20 cents while Electric at 30¢ are 25 cents lower (but this might have been due to a big parcel of 3,800 shares which brought the price down in the afternoon call). Telephones finished down 20 cents.

WHEELLOOKS BETTER

Yaumatis are up \$8 to \$149. In stores Dairy Farms are down 70 cents to \$24. Watson and Hotels are steady. Lands and Humphreys are if anything, a shade weaker.

Wheellocks are, on the week, slightly better but the rise is so small that those looking to Wheellocks with its big holding of local shares as a possible market indicator can draw little satisfaction from the week's movement.

A more interesting comparison of market prices, however, can be made with those of April 2. Over the month, profit-taking and fears about the outcome of the Geneva conference have taken a steady toll to bring prices down from their high levels of the previous month. Looking at utilities, Trams are down \$1.80, China Lights, 70 cents (taking into account the dividend), Electric are down \$1.50 and Telephones down more than \$2. Hotels are down 55 cents and Lands about \$3.

While these losses are not big the figures do serve to show that there has been quite a bit of profit-taking and the market is in a receptive mood to buy, but naturally buyers will be reluctant to come into the market again until the Indo-China situation is clarified.

New York Cotton Market

Cotton futures today went through the sixth straight session of slow and featureless dealings. Prices moved within a six-point range, then closed on a note of firmness on covering by traders and a small demand from mills.

Final prices ruled 2 to 3 points higher. The market opened off 1 to 2 points. New Orleans closed unchanged to 10 points higher.

Trading volumes and open interest in the Exchange today: Month Volume Open Interest May 2,300 120,000 June 2,300 120,000 July 2,300 120,000 Aug. 2,300 120,000 Sept. 2,300 120,000 Oct. 2,300 120,000 Nov. 2,300 120,000 Dec. 2,300 120,000 Jan. 2,300 120,000 Feb. 2,300 120,000 Mar. 2,300 120,000 Total 23,000 1,200,000

—United Press.

NEW YORK PRICES

New York, May 6. 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